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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Many thanks for your letter of October 5th. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Princeton. I was especially struck by how well informed the students were about intelligence and the quality and insight of their questions. The dinner conversation was stimulating as well.

I regret that I must decline your invitation for the party on November 7th inasmuch as I will be out of town. However, I did enjoy our conversation at Princeton and would welcome the opportunity to talk further. Perhaps when you know some time in advance when you will be in Washington, we could get together for lunch -- my treat, out here. Just have your secretary call my office

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Again, I appreciate your letter and your kind remarks. I look forward to seeing you again.

Regards,

Robert M. Gates

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Mr. Gates

I was privileged to participate in the seminar at Princeton on September 29th. I enjoyed dinner together and the short stay which was possible for me in your class that evening.

Your explanation of the role of the intelligence establishment in the democratic process was open, reasonable, sincere, educational and reassuring. Your raising some of the tough philosophical issues surrounding the process and recognizing the room for difference of opinion was heartening. I feel much better because of my new insight and because you and men like you are "manning the controls".

For more than two years I have been working to finish an apartment in the Washington Harbour complex. I'm having a party on November 7th one objective of which is to begin to develop relationships with people in Washington where I have never spent much time before. The party is an apolitical, non-profit, co-celebration with my friend Dick Celeste, Governor of Ohio, with whom I share November 11th as a birthday. You will receive an invitation. I would be honored if you could join us.

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